CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 6 through September 9, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine recent controversies in stem cell research, 9 a.m., SD–124.

September 7, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine preparedness one year after Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 6, to receive a closed briefing regarding the Army Field Manual on Interrogation, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 6, to hold hearings to examine stock options backdating, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 6, to hold oversight hearings to examine the federal renewable fuels programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 6, to hold hearings to examine backdating to the future/oversight of current issues regarding executive compensation including backdating of stock options, and tax treatment of executive compensation, retirement and benefits, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 7, business meeting to consider Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and related exchanges of letters, signed at Washington on March 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-23), and the nominations of Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, and John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation), 9:30 a.m., SD—419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 7, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Information Technology projects at risk, focusing on why \$12 billion in projects is being funded and what OMB is doing to ensure success, as well as GAO's recommendations in these areas, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 6, to hold hearings to examine competition in group health care, 11 a.m., SD-226.

September 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, and S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 7, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strategies for pre-screening international airline passengers before takeoff, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 7, to hold hearings entitled "Wounded Warrior" Insurance: A First Look at a New Benefit for Traumatically Injured Servicemembers, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 6, to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 10:30 a.m., SH-219.

September 7, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 7, to hold hearings to examine America's ailing guardianship system relating to exploitation of seniors, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, September 7, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Contracting, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, September 7, hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on BP's Pipeline Spills at Prudhoe Bay: What Went Wrong? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 7, Sub-committee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "A Review of the Federal Home Loan Bank System," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 6, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "2 + 2 Should Never Equal 3: Getting Intercensal Population Estimates Right the First Time," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "HIV Prevention: How Effective Is The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 7, Sub-committee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate: Is It Structured for Success?" 10 a.m., room to be announced.

September 7, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "State and Local Fusion Centers and the Role of DHS," 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 6, Sub-committee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, oversight hearing on the United Nations Human Rights Council: Reform or Regression? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 7, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, oversight hearing on 9/11: Five Years Later—Gauging Islaminst Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 6, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on proposals to Update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), including the following bills: H.R. 4976, NSA Oversight Act; H.R. 5223, Surveillance Activities Commission Act of 2006; H.R. 5371, Lawful Intelligence and Surveillance of Terrorists in an Emergency by NSA Act; H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act; S. 2453, National Security Surveillance Act of 2006; and S. 2455, Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 7, full Committee, to continue mark up of H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE)

Modernization and Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act of 2005; and H.R. 5830, Wright Amendment Reform Act; and to consider a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 7, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3532, Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act; H.R. 5452, Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act; H.R. 5485, Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act; and H.R. 5978, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of a Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 7, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5566, To facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota; and H.R. 6014, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to improve California's Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and water supply; and to hold an oversight hearing on a measure regarding the repayment of site security costs at Bureau of Reclamation facilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 6, to consider H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling or donation of horse and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 7, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Freight Logistics: The Road Ahead as Seen by the Users of the Highway System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 7, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hot Spots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 7, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Sensitive Programs, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol.